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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a former DSL and Cable Internet subscriber that is now getting broadband fiber internet through Sonic in Northern California. I have been very happy with my fiber service through Sonic and am the envy of all my friends who can not get this service yet. They are jealous, not only because of my connection speeds, but also (and probably most importantly) because I am not being forced to bundle any unwanted services.

I currently get fiber internet (at Gb connection speeds), which comes equipped with 1 analog phone line at no additional cost. This is the basic service that is being offered (with no throttling of speeds), and it is much lower than what I paid previously with DSL and Cable. I do have the option of adding additional services (additional telephone lines and satellite TV) for a discounted rate, but I just choose not to. When I had cable internet, I was forced to get TV service and phone because it was cheaper than getting just internet alone. Additionally, if I wanted faster speeds, I would have to pay more for it. It has been a very long time since I've used DSL, so I am unfamiliar with their current practices, but I do remember similar practices being used by them. I believe cable has increased their base speeds recently, but I hear commercials for cables's gigabit speeds that I know for sure that no one is getting.

I also run a small business (less than 20 employees) and fast, reliable internet is almost impossible to find. Luckily for me, I am able to get service with Sonic fiber. I got quotes from my local cable company and they just don't compare with regards, to internet speeds and services being offered. I do pay a little more for Sonic internet, with a digital phone service provider as compared to a basic plan from the cable company, but cable can not offer me the same speeds and the same phone services offered for nearly the same price as what I am paying now. If I am to stay competitive (both on my services offered and my prices), I need to save money anywhere that I can assuming it benefits me.

Internet access is more important now than it has ever been in our country's history. In comparison, I recently visited the country of South Korea. Internet access is available just about everywhere. And that is because it is affordable and because it is fast. the same is true for cell phone service. The telephone and cable companies have had decades to make more money than they know what to do

with. And now they are finally faced with some competition and instead of going head to head, they want to continue doing what they've been doing. If that is how they wish to continue doing business, then it is no fault except their own if they finally go out of business. We no longer live in an era where the government needs to support these large conglomerates who are only out to service their own interests and not the general public.

If you want to promote fairness and competition in the market, I believe the prices should be transparent and easy to understand to the customer. Based on what I pay for my internet service and what I am getting (speed, total services, etc.), I have no interest in going back to cable anytime in the near future.

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